

Fall School of Science Faculty Assembly Meeting November 19, 2001

Attendance: (Biology) Pam Crowell, Florence Juillerat, ND Lees, Kathy Marrs, Steve Randall. (Chemistry) Raima Larter, David Malik. (Computer Science) Andrew Olson. (Geology). (Math) Jon Luke, Sharon Rangazas, Robert Rigdon, Jyoti Sardar. (Physics) Marvin Kemple, Fritz Kleinhans, Durgu Rao, Gautam Vemuri. (Psychology) Bob Bringle, Dennis Devine, Jovier Evans, Greg Fetterman, John Hazer, Kathy Johnson, Joan Lauer, Beth Neal-Beliveau, Soren Svanum. (Dean' Office) Joe Kuczkowski, David Stocum, Kathryn Wilson.

President Kathy Johnson convened the meeting at 3:07. We had two speakers.

Vic Borden (IMIR/Psych):

Vic gave his presentation on Know Your Students. This he did in the form of a quiz to see what preconceptions we held. As a result of our rising admission standards there is a generally positive trend for important statistics. Among the interesting facts presented: Although Retention is a big issue for our campus, only of our graduating students are in the Retention Statistics pool. Our students study one hour out of class for every hour in class.

Karen Whitney (Student Life and Diversity):

Karen gave us an update on Student Housing and the planned Student Center. Phase 1 of Student Housing is in progress and is scheduled to open in August of 2003. This will be paid for directly with student rent and is not affected by State Budget issues. Phase 1 will have 1-2-4 bedroom apts, arranged as four story, row houses. Students will do their own cooking and order their own pizzas. There will be no residential food plan. The concept of Residential Learning Communities is being stressed. An International House and Honors House are planned. A Science House is a possibility. Phase 1 will hold about 800 students. Phase 2 and 3 will proceed as demand permits. All will be in the vicinity of White River and Michigan Street.

An ambitious and attractive Student Center is planned. It would contain our two bookstores, the Credit Union, Travel Agency, food services, meeting rooms, student organization space, etc. The old Union Building would no longer serve any of these functions. Cost is estimated at 50 million. Ten million has already been appropriated. Design is proceeding using student fee money set aside for this purpose. Thus funds for the design are in place. State Funding is, of course, the big issue.

Fritz Kleinhans
Secretary
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